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1. OVERLAPPED WITH VISIT OF BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN AND OVERSHADOWED BY U.S.-IRAN BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MEETINGS, MARCH 2-6 VISIT TO IRAN OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES HAD LITTLE IMPACT HERE. ANTUNES HAD AUDIENCE WITH SHAH, WAS ENTERTAINED AT BANQUET BY FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY, AND ALSO HELD MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE TASLIMI AND PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS. HIS PRIMARY GOAL IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SHAH AND KHALATBARY WAS TO ASSURE GOI THAT PORTUGUESE WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN BY EXTREMISTS OF EITHER LEFT OR RIGHT AND EXPECTS TO FIRMLY ESTABLISH MODERATE GOVERNMENT AFTER FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. ANTUNES MADE VAGUE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN GREATER CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH IRAN, BUT NO SPECIFICS WERE MENTIONED.

2. MFA CHIEF OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS PEZESHKZAD WAS HARD PRESSED TO GIVE ANY SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE VISIT. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN PLANNED TO HAVE A CULTURAL AGREEMENT SIGNED DURING THE VISIT, BUT THE DOCUMENT WAS NOT READIED IN TIME. GOI HOPES T SIGN THE AGREEMENT SOON AND
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TO FOLLOW IT UP WITH SOME ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

IN MANUFACTURING AND PERHAPS IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH
A REFINERY PROJECT UNDERWAY IN PORTUGAL.
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